

Pabst, Gene

From: Pabst, Gene
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 3:06 PM
To: Pabst, Gene
Subject: RE: Hogan Land Title-Delaware & Sunshine

Randy, I forgot to mention that Dr. Long's sump pump discharge, at 1758 S. Kentwood, had been running. The curb was wet from his building to the next driveway.

-----Original Message-----

From: Pabst, Gene
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 2:57 PM
To: Lyman, Randy
Subject: RE: Hogan Land Title-Delaware & Sunshine

Randy, I stopped by Hogan Land Title this afternoon ((2:15 P.M.) and talked to Nathan Bailey. He took me to the basement and showed me the sump pumps. They have 3 sumps pumps, two on the West side of the basement and one on the East side. All three of them had a little water standing in the bottom of them. You could tell that the water has not been any higher in the sumps because the walls were dry. All three sumps are fairly deep. There was no water entering the sumps. Mr. Bailey said that a couple of years ago City Utilities discovered a leak in one of their water lines and repaired it. The leaky line was over by Fairway Ave. After C.U. fixed the water leak the problem of water always entering Hogan's sumps went away. Mr. Bailey said the only time the sump pumps run is when we have a lot of rain. Hogan has finished the basement into offices since I was there last.

Gene

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyman, Randy
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 3:23 PM
To: Pabst, Gene
Subject: Hogan Land Title-Delaware & Sunshine

Bob S. came in just awhile ago and asked if we are sure that Hogan didn't tie their sump pump discharge to the sewer where the discharge was several years ago on the west (Delaware) side. Please check it out. I was in the area several weeks ago and didn't see any discharge except from the orthodontist's discharge on Kentwood. He wondered if that is why it miraculously disappeared all of a sudden! RL

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interoffice

MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: J. Randall Lyman, Pretreatment Coordinator

Subject: Hogan Land Title Co., 1605 E. Sunshine, 65804, 882-3000

Date: May 15, 1998

CC: Bob Schaefer, P.E., Asst. Dir. of P.W.-Environmental Services Ed Malter, P.E., Supt. of Sanitary Services, Steve Meyer, P.E., Supt. of Streets, Gene Pabst, Pretreatment Inspector, file

On Wednesday morning the 20th of October I inspected Dr. Jerry Long's sump pump discharge at 1758 S. Kentwood. Someone has turned a shovel of sod over and exposed the discharge pipe. It appears that the discharge has diminished from what it was several weeks ago. The wetness in the curb and gutter only goes north about two to three driveways, where is used to go most of the way north to Portland. I then proceeded to Hogan's building. It was apparent that neither sump pump system has pumped for some time. I entered the building and Bud Hogan escorted me to the sump pumps in the basement. It did not appear that the piping had been changed. The sumps had standing water in them, but there was no flow coming into the sumps via the clay pipes that were discharging a sizeable volume of water into the sumps all summer long. The Hogan folks do not know what happened to cause the flow to cease, nor do I. Keith Chaffin of Hogan told me earlier in the week that the flow had stopped one to two weeks ago and Mike with Lorenz Plumbing had told him that the City had done something to fix the problem. I told Mr. Chaffin that C.U. and the City have done nothing to our knowledge to affect the groundwater in the area.

...to be the speed limit on U.S. 160 (West Bypass) is set for Monday at the Greene County Courthouse in Springfield.

The 9:30 a.m. County Commission session will be in Room 212.

The proposal covers the stretch between the Springfield city limits and Sunshine Street where the speed limit is 55 mph.

For information, call the commission office at 836-4112.

Corrections

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Our city editor is Bill Tatum, 836-1199 or fax, 837-1381.

...the festival.

"I'm scrambling this evening to buy more," Nutting, the owner of the Walnut Street Grind, said Saturday.

Scores of people filled Walnut Street in downtown Springfield for the festival, which continues today. "You look down the street and there's people everywhere," Nutting said.

At the children's area at 1129 E. Walnut St., storytellers will perform from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

But dancing and listening aren't the only things to do. Several local restaurants and food vendors will be hawking menu items. And artists and crafters are displaying items as well.



the Springfield event at 11 a.m.

Christina Decker
News-Leader

From Our Wire Services

The nomination of Missouri state Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White to a federal district judgeship is set to come up for a vote next week.

Sens. John Ashcroft and Christopher Bond have been criticized by the jurist's supporters, who accuse them of stalling the confirmation.

Ashcroft accuses White of bias against the death penalty, citing several cases in which the judge opposed it and noting White's dissents in death-penalty cases while on the Missouri Supreme Court.

Inside: Details, 5B

Found: one truly great pumpkin

From Our Staff

REPUBLIC — Not all pumpkins are as humble as the one at right.

The pumpkin that stole the show at Saturday's Pumpkin Daze was a 647-pound monster — the state's largest pumpkin, grown here in the Ozarks. "I finally learned what it takes to grow one," said Dan Westfall, who grew the beast.



File photo

Inside: Our report, 2B

Ozarkers ready to help others

Make A Difference Day will provide people with a way to aid those in need.

By Robert Edwards
News-Leader

Across the Ozarks, people are poised to make a difference on Oct. 23.

That's when special Make A Difference Day activities are scheduled throughout southwest Missouri.

Saturday, some of those

activities got a boost, using the Good Community Fair as a place to get people to sign up for the activities.

Here's a sampling of some of the projects:

■ Hartsville school staff and Grovespring community volunteers will donate their time and labor to build a much-needed

storage building for the district's elementary school at Grovespring.

High school agriculture construction students will pour a concrete slab for the wood and steel structure.

Cooperation among school personnel and Grovespring parents has made the project possible, said Superintendent Larry Mays.

■ Wal-Mart employees in Mountain Grove will deliver

There are dozens of ways to help the community, 2B

and help school staffers and community volunteers plant shrubs the store is donating to Hartsville Elementary School.

The school is building an outdoor classroom for youngsters to learn about nature.

Principal Sherry Hoffman

See DIFFERENCE, Page 2B

Street flooding must be stopped, regardless of cause

Driving south on Delaware Avenue toward Sunshine Street one night in mid-August, I thought I must have been seeing things.

Springfield had received only 1.36 inches of rain since the first week of July, yet there was enough water rushing down the street to drown a small poodle.

I thought a water main had broken, but as far as anyone from the city knew, I was wrong. The rush of water had been a recurring problem throughout the year with no seeming predictability or relationship to precipitation. In the winter, it takes spells of creating a rink at Portland

Street and Delaware, suitable for either double axels or busting biskides.

"It's just a constant water stream," said neighbor Violet Hampton. "My granddaughter goes to school at Delaware, and she's crossing a puddle every time she goes."

No one is more aware of the problem than Keith Chaffin, co-owner of Hogan Land Title, from whose building at Sunshine and Delaware the water streams. "It's very frustrating for us. My own house is not but two blocks away. We sure don't like it to affect our neighbors."

The water pours from the building's crawl space when its



Sarah Overstreet

sump pumps kick on, and Chaffin says they never know when to expect it — or why.

"The water was pumping its highest in the middle of June when we were so dry. But at National and Grand there's a shopping center where they have water from a natural spring; they weren't pumping any water all through the drought. Something's wrong."

That's the one issue on which everyone looking at the situation agrees, but from that point, the guesses diverge. Bob Schaefer, assistant director of public works, and city engineer Todd Wagner believe ground water is seeping in under the building, causing the sump pumps to continuously pump it out of the crawl space. The water has also pumped down Fairway Avenue, Wagner said.

Yet beyond that, Schaefer is puzzled. "There are very few areas of the city where we have groundwater quite like this."

Chaffin said they've hired a private engineering firm to

look at the situation, yet he has no definitive answers yet. "One of the city's explanations was that we sit in a bowl and the water drains down to us. But we sit higher. They contend it doesn't come from a water main, but it's not our water — City Utilities has checked our water usage. One theory is that there is a natural spring, but no one from the city confirms that."

Everyone agrees that something's got to be done, and before winter. "It appears the only solution is to find a way to pump it across Sunshine into the storm sewer in the south part of Sunshine under the pavement," Schaefer said.

Yet after a final solution is decided upon, there's only one teeny detail left to work out: who will pay for it. "My feeling is that it should be paid for by the people who are causing it," Schaefer believes that's Hogan Land Title.

Chaffin disagrees. "It isn't our water. We've even had the Department of Natural Resources out looking at the color of the water to see where it might be coming from, but they didn't have a clue."

Schaefer says that Hogan is not violating city code for where the water should be pumped. "The normal storm sewer is either the ditch or the curb in this community," Still,

he said, Hogan might be culpable for some kind of ordinance violation. "You can't create a nuisance or hazard for a neighborhood."

All neighbors hope is that the problem is resolved, and soon. And even with as little knowledge of flooding problems as I have, there is one guarantee I can make: Let one elderly person fall and shatter a hip when it ices up, or a schoolchild slip — perhaps into the path of a car — and all the money either party could have spent won't be enough.

Contact News-Leader columnist Sarah Overstreet at 836-1192.

SUNDAY,
October 3, 1999
News-Leader
Questions? Story
Ideas? Call our Help
Desk at 836-1199.

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1605 E. SUNSHINE

Lyman, Randy

From: Meyer, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 1999 11:54 AM
To: Malter, Ed; Schaefer, Bob
Cc: Lyman, Randy; Tomlins, Steve
Subject: RE: Hogan Land Title Pumping

The water runs north along the east side of Delaware from Hogan Land Title to Patterson. The water ponds at the SE corner of Delaware and Patterson. There is an inlet east of the intersection on the south side of Patterson but the water crosses Patterson to the inlet on the NE corner of the intersection and does not get to the inlet on the south side of Patterson. We are going to try and mill the gutter on the south side of Patterson, from Delaware east to the inlet. This will be a quick and dirty solution if it works. We have received three complaints from Citizens today alone.

*milling completed
Helped alot! R. 9/3/99*

-----Original Message-----

From: Malter, Ed
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 1999 10:37 AM
To: Schaefer, Bob; Meyer, Steve
Cc: Lyman, Randy
Subject: FW: Hogan Land Title Pumping

Bob: My understanding from talking to Randy is that the water could drain away to a storm inlet by doing a little work on the curb at the curve in the road. This would prevent water (and ice in the winter) from flowing out in the road which would correct the most serious part of the problem without costing alot. Comments? Ed

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyman, Randy
Sent: Monday, August 30, 1999 8:53 AM
To: Wagner, Todd
Cc: Malter, Ed; Schaefer, Bob
Subject: RE: Hogan Land Title Pumping

Todd, I agree that hooking this discharge to the sanitary sewer would be the easiest. I was in the neighborhood last week and rediscovered a similar problem at 1758 S. Kentwood at the edge of the curb on the east side of the street. I remembered working a complaint at this location probably 15 years ago. This discharge flows northerly along the curb and gutter and usually doesn't quite make it to Portland St. The owner, Dr. Jerry Long, an orthodontist, said this is a groundwater sump pump discharge from his basement. Dr. Long indicated that his discharge usually ceases during extended dry weather, but did not dry up during the latest drought in July and August. I believe the consent decree that the City has with MDNR regarding the infiltration/inflow problem directs us to spend over \$2 Million per year through 2007 to find and correct sources of I/I. I could not knowingly encourage the introduction of groundwater sources of extraneous flow into the sanitary sewer system. I believe you only open the door for other similar problems to be solved the same way.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wagner, Todd
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 1999 10:19 AM
To: Lyman, Randy
Subject: Hogan Land Title Pumping

Randy, we continue to get calls complaining about Hogan pumping to the street and ponding at Portland and Delaware. Some ideas to correct the problem:

1. Bore Sunshine, connect to storm system - very expensive

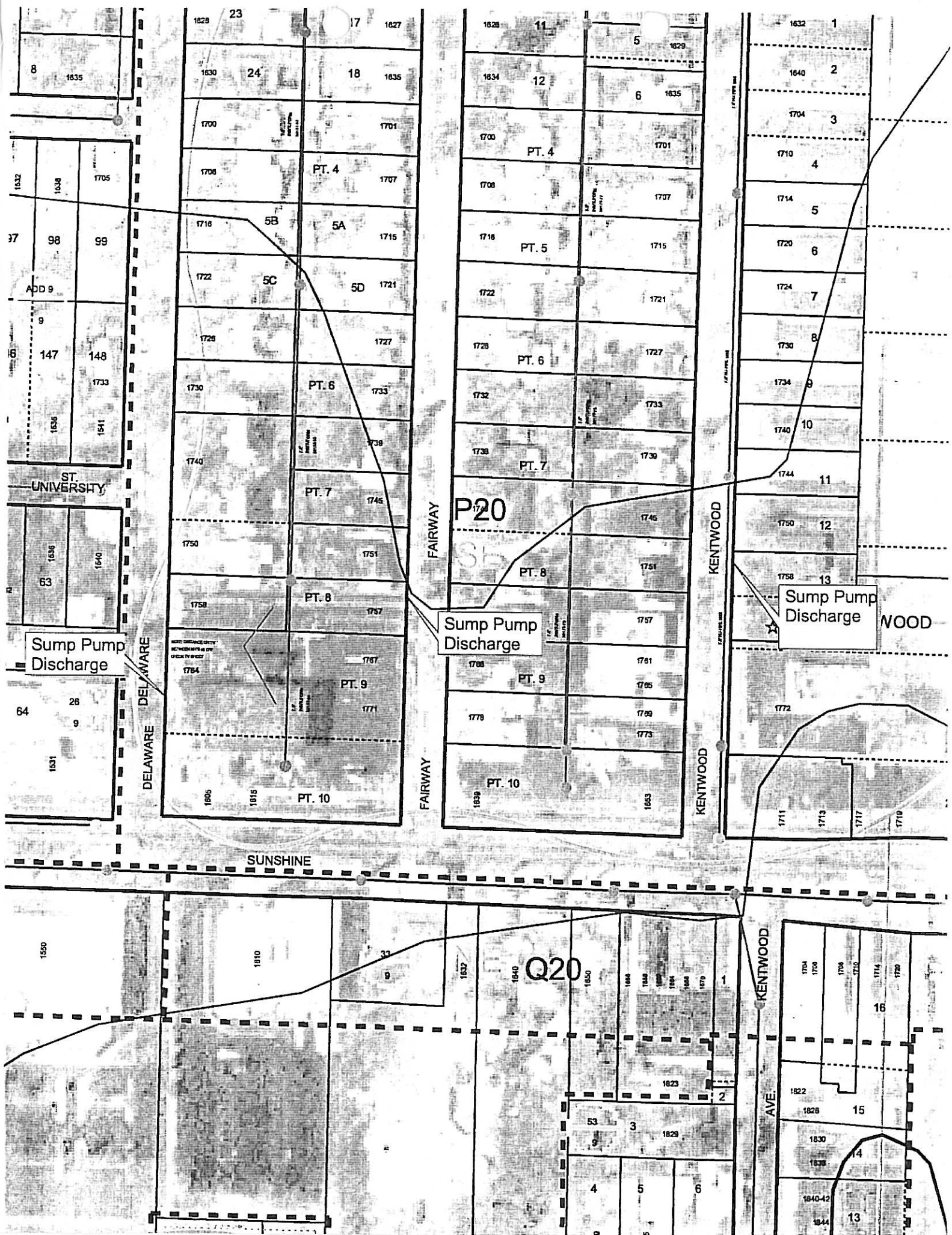
1606 E. Sunshine

2. City install an inlet to catch the water before it gets to the intersection. There would be not ponding but there would still be a long stretch of water in the street that will be an icing problem.

3. Connect to sanitary - I know this is against policy, but this would be both cheap and a complete solution until such time that the City can extend storm sewer from Portland and Delaware to Hogan.

Let me know what you think. Todd

1605 E.



Memo

To: File
From: Karen Chandler, Public Works Department
Date: January 13, 1999
Subject: Diesel odor at Hogan Land Title Building, 1605 E. Sunshine

This morning Bob Corson received a call from Karl Barke of the Health Department about a complaint he had received. Keith Chaffin of the Hogan Land Title Company, 1605 E. Sunshine, called to report a diesel odor coming from the sump pump area in the basement. I went to that location. Randy Lyman called 911 and the Fire Department and the C.U. Gas Department responded. When I got there Howard Andrus, of City Utilities, was already there. He checked around in the building and got no natural gas readings on his meter. He also said the Fire Department had already been there. We went to the basement and looked at the different areas where the sump pumps are located. The diesel smell was coming from the sump pump nearest the stairs. I checked it with the Sniffer, and got a reading of 0% L.E.L. We checked the sump pump behind the kitchen area and I got a reading of 0% L.E.L. There was no odor in this area. Finally, we checked the sump pump in the mechanical room. There was no odor here and I got a reading of 0% L.E.L. on the meter. Howard Andrus and I talked to Mr. Hogan and told him our findings. I told him I would check the sewer lines in the area.. I checked the following manholes (we map P-20, SE):

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| MH 17 | 0% L.E.L. Sewer odor, no sheen on the water. |
| MH 18 | 0% L.E.L. Sewer odor, no sheen on the water. |
| MH 84 | 0% L.E.L. No odor, no sheen on the water that was standing on the bottom of the manhole. |
| MH 66 | 0% L.E.L. No odor, no sheen on the water. |

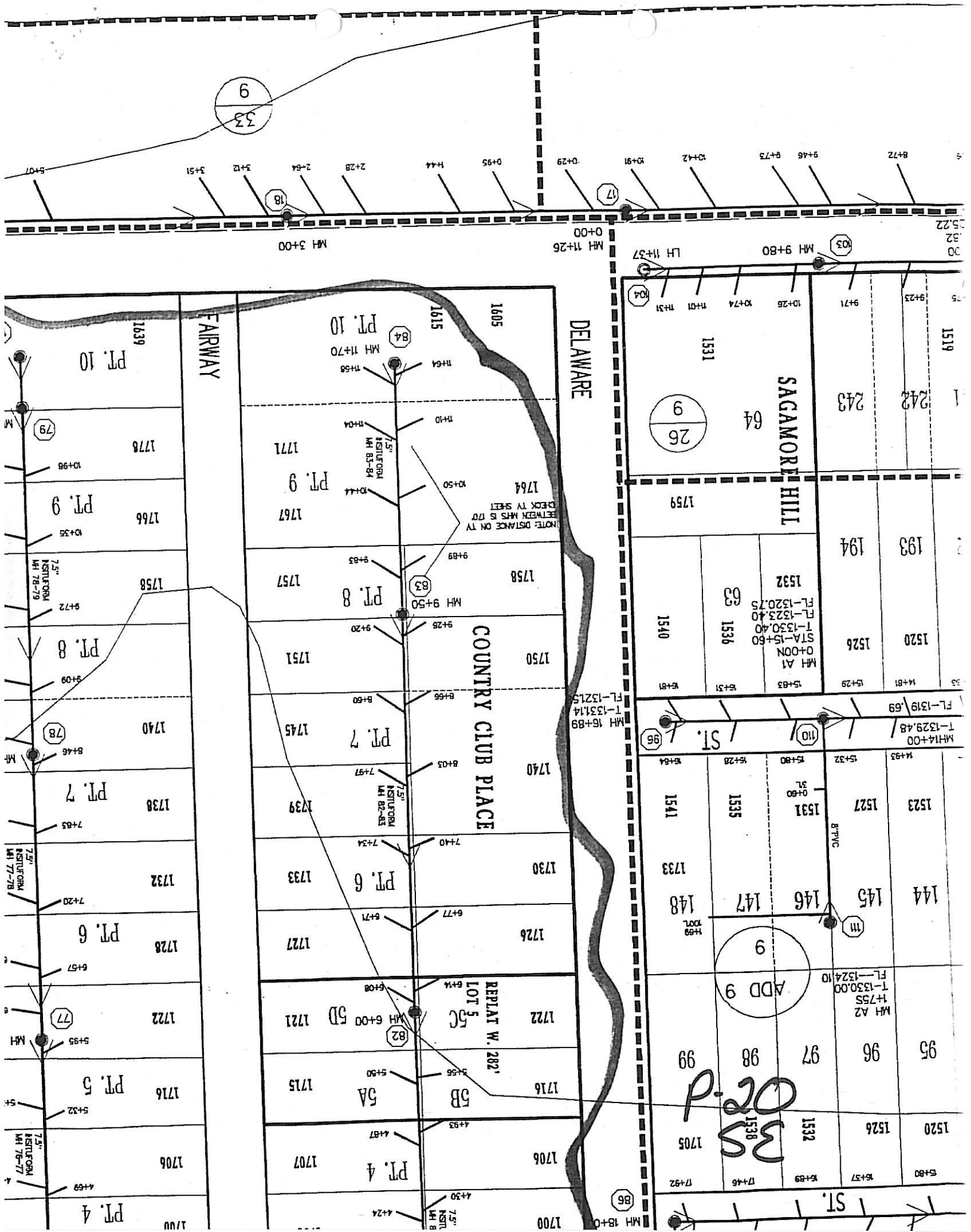
I returned to the Hogan building, but Keith Chaffin was gone. I left a message for him about what I found.

In the afternoon I called Charles Collins with the MDNR and told him what I had found. He said Wendall Hall was working on this and he would pass along the information.

Karen Chandler
Karen Chandler

cc: Wendall Hall, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Josea Lawrence, Fire Department
Randy Lyman, Department of Public Works

1605 E. SUNSHINE



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Public Works Department

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Date: 1-13-99 Fax #: 891-4399

To: WENDALL HALL, MDNR

From: KAREN CHANDLER

Message: MEMO ABOUT HOGAN LAND TITLE CO.

Pages to follow: 3

interoffice MEMORANDUM

To: Bob Schaefer, P.E., Asst. Dir. of P.W.-Environmental Services

From: *J. Randall Lyman*
J. Randall Lyman, Pretreatment Coordinator

Subject: Hogan Land Title Co., 1605 E. Sunshine, 65804, 882-3000

Date: May 15, 1998

CC: Ed Malter, P.E., Supt. of Sanitary Services, Gene Pabst,
Pretreatment Inspector, file ✓

On May 14, 1998 I was referred a call by Larry Teel of the Streets Division from a Susan Wilder at 1751 S Fairway Ave., phone 889-1210, complaining about 'nasty-looking, smelly water' coming from the Hogan Land Title Company and running down the west curb of Fairway Ave. almost to Portland St. As you know this has been a nuisance for many, many years. The sump pump discharging east of the building at 1605 E. Sunshine St. to Fairway Ave. flows almost all of the time except in really dry weather. Another sump discharge is piped into a roof drain that goes to the west side of the building to the east curb of Delaware Ave. and flows northerly, but apparently usually dries up and ceases to discharge much quicker than the other sump pump on the east side of the building.

An inspection revealed a substantial bright orange, fluffy growth of iron bacteria (probably *Crenothrix Polyspora*) for several feet down along the west curb of Fairway

Ave. from the discharge point of the east sump pump and then the water tends to get clearer. Then, about halfway down Fairway Ave. to Portland St. a common green algae growth is present. Personally, I could detect no noticeable odor associated with the discharge. On the west side of the building, there was evidence of a recent discharge with staining from iron bacteria along the east curb of Delaware Ave.

As you stated yesterday, an engineering firm here in town was working on this problem several months ago for either Farm & Home Savings, Roosevelt Savings, or the company that owned it at that time, and were supposed to give you some flow data over a period of time. I talked with a resident at 1757 S. Fairway and he showed me a place where the east sump pump used to discharge in what is now his front yard before he lived there. He said there were some people there several months ago measuring and observing the flow where it now comes through the curb.

Keith Chaffin and Kim Hogan-Chaffin basically run the Hogan Land Title Co., I believe. I know the Chaffins and they reside at 1453 S. Delaware; which is essentially in the same neighborhood as this problem. I would think they would be willing to do the right thing toward abatement of this problem. Possibly a meeting could be set up with the Chaffins to talk about boring under Sunshine to the storm sewer along the south side of the street and make both of their sump pumps tributary to it. I think this is the only viable option. Sunshine St. is now under City control rather than MoDOT, I have been told. Allowing these discharges to be made tributary to the City sanitary sewer is in conflict with Chapter 30, plumbing codes, the I/I consent decree intent, etc. Please let me know how you would like to proceed or if we should just allow the problem to exist 'as is'; which is perfectly legal as far as I can tell.

Attachment (1)

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Flow Runs Along West Curb of Fairway Ave. Almost To Portland St.

Common Green Algae

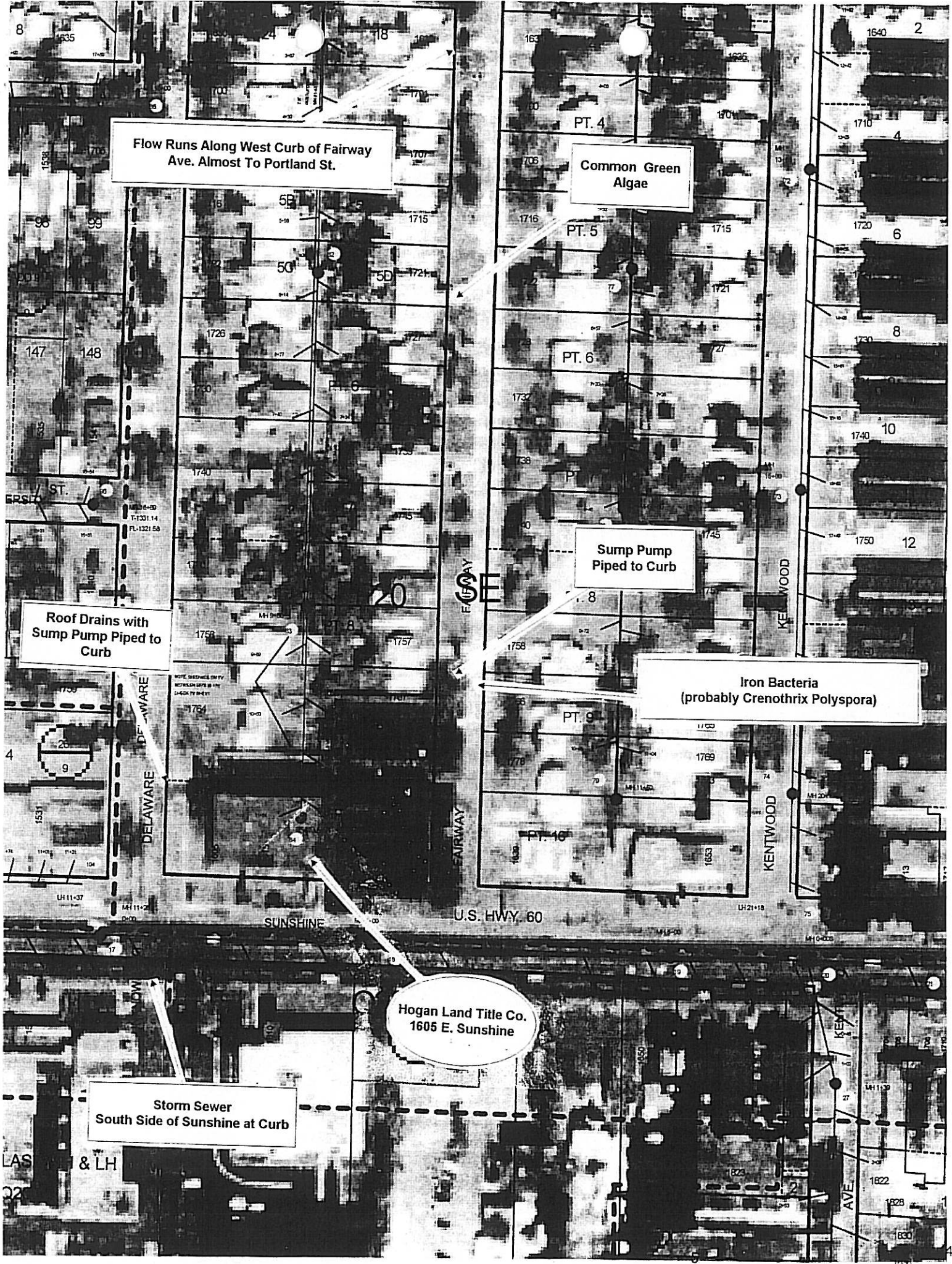
Sump Pump
Piped to Curb

Roof Drains with
Sump Pump Piped to
Curb

Iron Bacteria
(probably *Crenothrix Polyspora*)

Hogan Land Title Co.
1605 E. Sunshine

Storm Sewer
South Side of Sunshine at Curb



City of Springfield
Water Pollution Control Section
Pollution Complaint/Report Form

Date 7/2/96

Report From:

☒ Citizen to DNR
☐ Fire Dept.
☐ Public Information Office
☐ Health Department
☒ Other DNR - MARK RADER

Received By: R. Lyman

Referred To: B. PABST

Date of Incident: Ongoing

Complainant Information:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Directions (if needed): _____

Responsible Party Information:

Name ROOSEVELT BANK
Address 1605 E. Sunshine
Phone _____

Possible contamination of: ☐ soil ☐ groundwater
☒ surface water what body? FANNIGHT CR.
☐ other _____

Other pertinent information: _____

Who to contact: 891-1600

☐ DNR 417-837-6950
☐ DNR 314-634-2436
☐ EPA 913-236-3778
☐ Fire Dept. 864-1719
☐ Police Dept. 864-1719
☐ Bob Schaefer
☐ CU 831-8320
☐ Street Dept.

☐ Health Dept.
☐ Sewer Maintenance
☐ Sewer Construction
☐ Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300
☐ DOT
☐ NRC 1-800-424-8802
☐ Other _____

Details of incident: DISCHARGE OF WATER TO CURB
AND GUTTER RUNS 2-3 BLOCKS TO STORM
SEWER. REPORTEDLY, A NEW DISCHARGE THIS SPRING.
I/I DID A BUILDING INSPECTION IN FEB. 96. "SUMP
PUMP DISCHARGE POINT UNDETERMINED." THIS BUILDING
HAS BEEN "REMODELLED" IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO.

Action needed: INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK TO DNR.

(over)

ADDRESS 1605 E. SUNSHINE

Investigation Results

7-12-96 11:00 A.M.

Karen Chandler & I went to Roosevelt Bank to check on this complaint. We saw no water running down the street. We talked to Steve Clark, Manager, about the problem. He said that they had already met with the neighbors about the problem and they have had Palmerton & Parrish out to do a study of the problem. Mr. Clark showed us a letter from Palmerton & Parrish, dated June 12, 1996, giving a couple of solutions to the problem. Mr. Clark said that the basement used to be used for storage & only had a small sump pump. Occasionally they would have standing water in the basement. Recently they remodelled and put offices in the basement. When they did this they dug down in 3 places and put in 3 sump pumps (2 discharge to the west, 1 discharge to the East). Now when it rains they pump out a lot of water. We told him that this type of discharge is perfectly legal. Mr. Clark stated that he knew that it was okay to pump storm water out to the curb but they wanted to be good neighbors and they were going to try to find a solution to the problem. He said that if we needed more information we could contact Mr. Paul Mewner at 1-800-234-7963.

smart/POLCOMPL.DOC

Gene Pabst